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COIFFA'S BRAZIL DECLARATION

The Pharmacist professional activity requires a strong and lengthy acquired scientific background with a high social content. This notion has, of course, been ratified by various international organizations, particularly by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Due to the diverse, complex and transversal nature of the scientific areas necessary for their training, pharmacists are then able to contribute to the access, quality, availability and rational use of medicines, as well as to improve the health and the quality of life of the population at large. It is therefore essential that such training takes place within an university environment, where the cross-fertilization between Science (via R&D), teaching, extension and social projection are readily available.

The hallmark of the European tradition has been a minimum of five years of university studies in Pharmacy, as incorporated in the Directives of the European Union Council (the first dating as far back as 1984) as well as in the multiple national laws. This system has also been the paradigm and practice in countries belonging to the Ibero-American space.

The Ibero-American Conference of Faculties of Pharmacy (COIFFA), during its General Assembly held at the Federal University of Goiás (Goiânia-Brazil), on 4 June, 2013, reiterated its firm conviction that a minimum of five years of university studies, including university supervised practice, should continue to be the paradigm for the training of these health professionals.

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